

BA-1169
Davis Store
15209 Old Hanover Pike
Fowblesburg
Private
c. 1926

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The interior of the store retains many original features. The floor is about three-inch-wide pine that runs east-west, and the ceiling has battens that form squares. There are shelves along the north, east, and south walls and a counter along the north side that contains a glass case. The store is still heated by a stove.

About 50 feet south of the store is a lumber shed. The east half of the building is a one-story, two-bay by one-bay frame structure with corrugated metal siding, concrete piers, and a gable roof with standing seam metal and an east-west ridge. The north elevation of this section has two doors hung on rollers. The west half of this building is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with the same metal siding as the store and a gable roof of standing seam metal with a north-south ridge. The north elevation of this section has a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door on rollers in the first story east bay, a two-over-two sash in the center, and a door on rollers in the west bay that is covered in siding. The second story has a boarded-up window opening in each end bay and a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door in the center. There is a false front over the center and west bays of this section. On the west elevation the first story has no openings and the second story has paired two-over-two sash in the center. On the south elevation, the west half has two bays to the west that project forward several feet. On the first story, the west bay has a board and batten door and the center bay has a shed roof wing with the same siding and roofing as the rest of this half of the building. The second story has no openings. The east bay of the west half has no openings on the first or second stories, and the east half has no openings at all.

South of the lumber shed, near Byerly Road, is the old mule barn. It is a one-story, four-bay by two-bay structure with a concrete foundation, corrugated metal siding, and a gable roof of standing seam metal with an east-west ridge. The building has been converted to a dwelling and has six-over-one sash.

Approximately 75 feet north of the store is a one-story, one-bay square privy with German siding, a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge, and a vertical-board door on the south that is off its hinges.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	n/a	Architect/Builder	n/a
Construction dates	c. 1926		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Notes:

(1) Baltimore County Land Records, WPC 467-252, WPC 509-313, RJS 1354-167.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.81

Acreage of historical setting 1.81

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries include the entire parcel.

11. Form Prepared By

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Continuation Sheet

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See endnotes

Davis Stone.

437-399 24 July 2001 deed - fees.
 Maurice Edward Powell, Jr. to M.E.P. Jr. & son Robert L. Powell
 \$0. 1.81 A.
 @ SW cor. of "old Fablesburg school house lot"
 known as 5238 Byerly Rd Upper 21155

SM

1555-192 12 Apr. 1976 deed - fees
 Edward C. Coveley & Pete L. Caples, trustees to M.E.P. Jr.
 \$50,000 1.81 A 5238 Byerly

103-556 23 Mar. 1978 deed - fees.

Edward C. Coveley, Jr. & Louise L. Caples, pers rep's of Est. of
 Delphin D. Caples to Edward C. Coveley, trustee
 \$5,00

① 7/8 A. in Registers. are 9 lots total - all over
 #6 is Fablesby lot. - 1.81 A.

LB

430-7 23 Jan. 1951 deed -
 Vincent J. Caples, Jr. to D. Delmas Caples - ?
 \$5,00 1.81 A. annual rent \$3.00/yr.

RJS

449-153 D Delmas Caples & wife Louise S. ^{Balto Co.} to Vincent T. Caples, Jr. ^{Balto Co.}
 Lease 20 Feb. 1946 \approx 2 A. \$3.00/yr.
 1st tract below

RJS

449-151 20 Feb. 1946 deed - fees.
 Vincent T. Caples, Jr. & wife Olga M. to D. Delmas & Louise S. Caples
 all in Balto Co

\$5.00 2 2 A

RJS
1354-107

29 June 1944

Deed - fees

Louis D. Davis, admin of will of Annie E. Davis ^{of B. to Co} to V.T.C.I.

Buy O.M.C. - B. to Co

will JPC 38-496

private sale \$4,000 2 2 A

WPC
509-3131

9 May 1919

Deed - fees

Alvin C. Bosson & Beulah B. ^{B. to Co} to W. Harvey Davis & Annie ^{H. to Co}

WHD d. 1932

\$5.00 2 2 A

Old Hamover Rd, B. to Co Rd & W.M. Hwy

WPC
4 07-86

9 Aug 1917

Deed - fees

J. Kensey Marshall ^{of Isabelle - B. to Co} to Alvin C. & Beulah B. Bosson - ^{B. to Co}

\$5.00 "Thomas's Choice" 2 2 A

WPC
487-90

20 May 1917

Deed - fees

Newton S. Wards & of E. Va. C. - ? to J. Kensey Marshall - ?

NSW - Kensey's mother Rose Ann Wards - has outstanding interest in property \$5.00 2 2 A

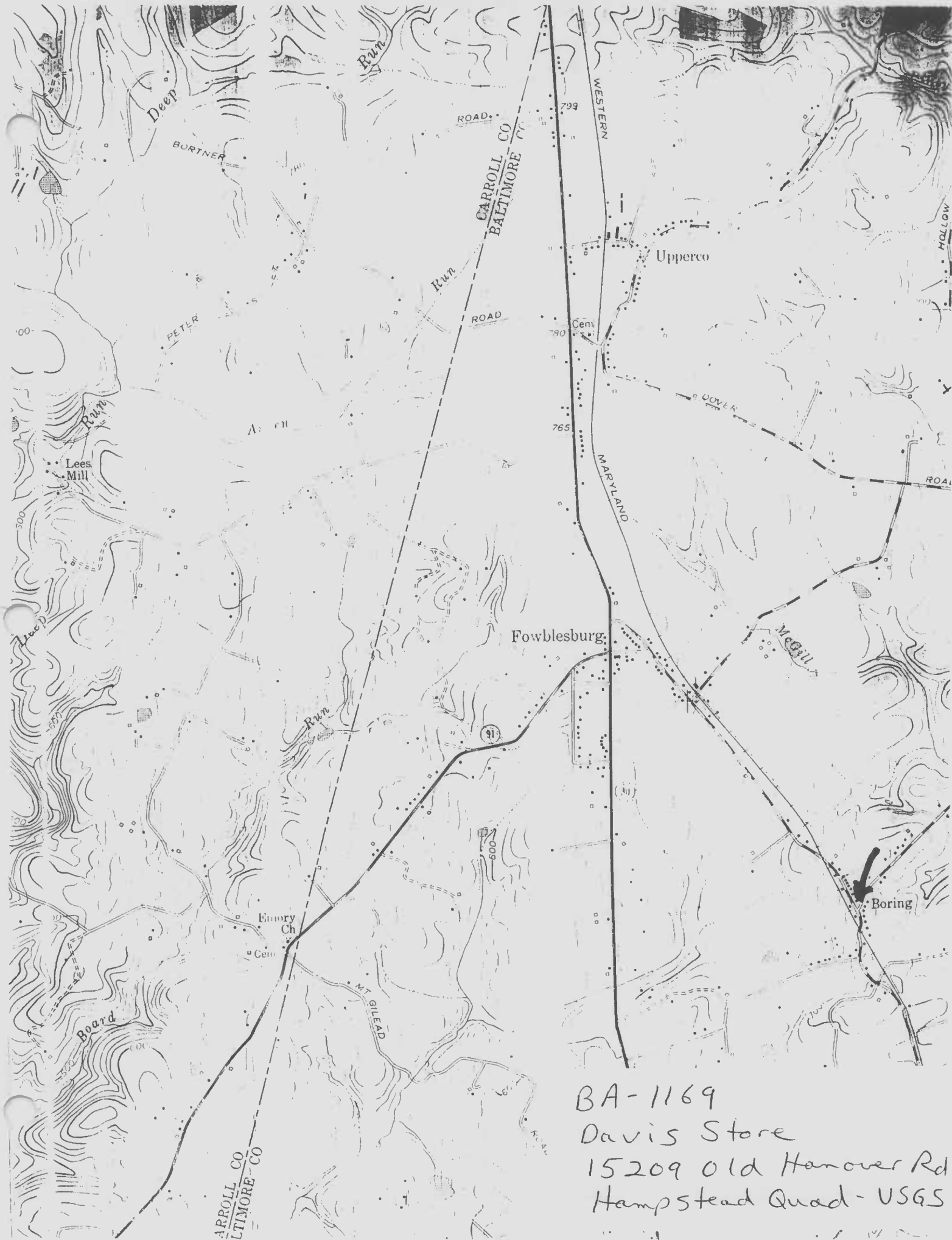
WPC
467-252

22 July 1906

Deed - fees

William T. Algire & of Sine Loop A. ^{B. to Co} to J. Kensey Marshall

\$5.00 "Thomas's Choice" 2 2 A



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Hampstead Quad - USGS



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Balta Co, MD

Ken Short

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N. B.W. ELKUS

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Balto. Co, MD

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MO SHPO

Lumber shed, NW elevs

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